Minutes of the <u>Regular Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, August 6, 2012, 3:45 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips
Alderman John Clark
Alderman Valerie Joh
Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham
Alderman Tom Segelhorst
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:45 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

2. ROLL CALL: By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.

- 3. WORK SESSION TICKLER. Alderman McIntire asked if a tour could be arranged for the winery. Mayor Phillips listed several projects that have been affected by all of the recent rain. The mayor also asked Alderman Joh and Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt to form a small group to discuss the pros and cons of possible carousel locations before making a final recommendation to the Board.
- 4. DISCUSSION OF DEFINED CONTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT COMPANIES. City Recorder Demming introduced Mr. Mark Morgan from Sherrill Morgan, the company who evaluated the candidates for this item. Mr. Morgan summarized the process, noting the final decision was between The Trust Company and ICMA-RC [International City Management Association Retirement Corporation]. Mr. Morgan stated the final decision came down to money. ICMA-RC had greater assets and they are already being used to administer the deferred compensation plan. They also have a local representation which would benefit existing employees and new hires. Administrative services include on-site personnel as well as online and phone service. Alderman McIntire pointed out they would also be willing to put more personnel in the area as needed. Item VI.D.4 was discussed at this time. Human Resource Manager Barbara Duncan informed Vice-Mayor Parham that twelve employees have been hired since July 1st, although this plan would be retroactive. ICMA-RC has stated they could have the entire plan up and running within five to ten days after approval.

School Superintendent Dr. Ailshie commented on the first day of school today. He also discussed the effects of the recent annexations in regards to class sizes, noting the kids and the teachers are happy and excited.

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 7, 2012 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

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- Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning VI.AA.1 of the Colonial Heights Area 7 Part A Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 237-2012). City Planner Ken Weems gave a brief presentation on this item. He stated that staff was recommending eight years for sewer installation rather than the five years approved by the planning commission. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds provided further details for this justification. Discussion ensued.
- Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 7 Part B and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 238-2012). See Item VI.AA.1.
- VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Personal Computer Systems, Inc. for the Purchase of Equipment to Provide a Wireless Network at Dobyns-Bennett High School and John Sevier and Ross N. Robinson Middle Schools (AF: 239-2012). Mr. John Payne with Kingsport City Schools provided details on this item and answered various questions from the Board. Mr. Payne listed the many benefits this new equipment would provide for the students.
- Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a VI.D.5 Lease Agreement with Tennessee Municipalities for Use of City of Kingsport Owned Equipment (AF: 247-2012). City Manager Campbell noted this addition to the agenda because a neighboring city had some damage to their buses. He noted this was similar to a mutual aid agreement, except rather than providing equipment and personnel it would be for equipment only. City Attorney Billingsley further stated this would authorize the Mayor to sign short-term agreements of this nature without having to come before the Board. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt provided additional information on the buses that would be loaned out, commenting that we are glad to help knowing they would do the same for us.

BOARD COMMENT. Mayor Phillips commented on the length of time it has taken for the work to begin on the greenbelt bridge, noting the governor presented the check a year ago. He stated it was discouraging that it might be another year before any work begins. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt stated it has been a long drawn-out process and we are now waiting for the notice to proceed.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session,

Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

DENNIS R. PHILLIP Mayor